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Re: Application of: Manfred STUTE, et al.  
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CELLS

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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, Applicants hereby make of record the documents listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 Form (1 page) for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. While the references are being submitted herewith, some or all of the references may not constitute prior art under the U.S. patent laws.

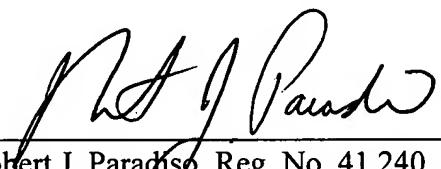
Submitted herewith is the translation of the International Preliminary Examination Report for PCT/DE2003/004042 Applicants received from the International Bureau.

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It is respectfully requested that the references cited in the accompanying PTO-1449 form be considered and made of record. It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are patentable over all of the references made of record at this time.

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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB-CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	A01	US 5,434,016	Jul. 18, 1995	Benz et al.	429	13	
	A02						
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**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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							See US 5,434,016, Int'l Prel. Examination Report of PCT/DE2004/004042		
	A08	DE 43 18 818	Dec. 8, 1994	DE – Germany					
	A09								
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**OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)**

	A17	Translation of International Preliminary Examination Report of PCT/DE2003/004042 (4 pages)
	A18	
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